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Elba City Council appoints interim police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Sept. 27, Mayor Tom Maddox officially announced the resignation of Leslie Hussey as Chief of Police, and he recommended an interim police chief until a permanent replacement could be found.

"Mr. Leslie Hussey has resigned as Chief of Police as of last Friday," Maddox said. "Assistant Chief Russ Young has handled the chief duties since that time. Thanks to Lt. Young for filling in and being here tonight."

The mayor then said he would like to make a motion to name Shayne Arnette as the interim police chief for Elba. He said Arnette would serve this capacity until a permanent chief employed by the city.

Maddox said Arnette had been employed with the Elba Police Department for 12 years, and he said he feels Arnette is qualified



Elba Police Officer Shayne Arnette was appointed Monday evening, Sept. 27, to serve as Interim Chief of Police in Elba. Arnette has been with the department for 12 years, and he was serving as an investigator at the time of the interim police chief appointment earlier this week. He will serve as interim police chief while the city searches for a new police chief, a job vacated last week when Leslie Hussey resigned from the post.

to serve in the capacity as interim Chief of Police.

Council member Jane Brunson supplied the second to Maddox's motion, and all council members voted in favor of naming Arnette as Interim Police Chief.

In relation to the police department, Mayor Maddox also asked the council to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency for that department to oversee the dispatch services at the Elba Police Department until a new police chief is hired. The mayor said Coffee County EMA Deputy Director Grant Lyons would fill the administrative position for this agreement, and it would be an extension of his current duties with Coffee County EMA [thus not costing the city any additional funds for his services].

"I have been in contact with James Brown, the Coffee County EMA director, and Rod Morgan, the county attorney and administrator, and they are both on board with going this route," Maddox said. "That would give us someone with extensive experience in this area to help during the transition."

The mayor confirmed that Lyons would be in charge of dispatch until a new chief is hired by the city. He said there is no definite timeframe on how long this would be in effect but said the EMA office hopes the matter could be resolved within three months.

The council voted unanimously to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with Coffee County EMA to oversee dispatch services at the Elba Police Department until a new chief of police is hired.

Monies for SRO officer at Elba City Schools included

Elba City Council approves Fiscal Year 2022 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 budget Monday evening, Sept. 27, during the regular bimonthly meeting, and included in the budget are funds to help bring a School Resource Officer [SRO] to Elba City Schools.

The total revenues for Fiscal Year 2022 [including all operational revenues and all restricted revenues] are expected to be \$4,396,130 with planned expenditures of \$3,647,584.

The planned expenditures include \$30,000 for a County SRO Officer. According to city clerk Sally Bane this would allow for an agreement with the

Coffee County Sheriff's Department for them to supply a School Resource Officer for Elba City Schools.

Mayor Tom Maddox said the Sheriff's Department has SRO's in all the county schools, and a meeting was held recently with officials to possibly bring an SRO to Elba too. He said Elba City

Coffee County Commission approves motion paving way for SRO for Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Sept. 27, commissioners passed a motion that helps pave the way for a School Resource Officer to come to Elba City Schools.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the county had been in discussions with Elba City Schools and the City of Elba regarding the possibility of providing an SRO for that school system, under the same contract terms as officers are provided to the Coffee County School System. He asked commissioners to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Elba City Schools and the City of Elba for provision of a School Resource Officer for Elba City Schools.

Commission chairman

Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley was onboard for the idea, but after having to hire an additional teacher this school year [due to growth], he did not feel the school system could handle the \$30,000 expenditure needed for the contract with the county.

That, according to the mayor, is when the city

Coffee County Commission approves motion paving way for SRO for Elba

Dean Smith made a motion for that Memorandum of Understanding, and Commissioner Josh Carnley seconded the motion. It passed with no opposition.

Sheriff Dave Sutton thanked commissioners for approving that measure. He said there would still need to be a few more meetings to iron out the details, but his department would go at it full force once everything is in place.

Coffee County EMA director James Brown had better news to report during the meeting regarding COVID numbers.

"I am really glad to be able to give you some good news," he said.

Brown said over the past two weeks that hospitaliza-

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decided to step forward and provide the \$30,000 to allow for a school resource officer to be made available for Elba City Schools. He said the officer would be assigned to the school system for the 187 days it is in session each year [along with being available for extra activities], but when school is not in session, the officer would work with the Sheriff's Department handling normal deputy duties.

By approving the budget, to include the \$30,000 for the SRO, the mayor said the city/school would now enter discussions with the county to work out all the details for the contract in order to get an SRO assigned to Elba City Schools.

In other business, during Monday night's council meeting, the council approved a resolution that would allow for federal American Rescue Plan funds to be used for a COVID Vaccine Incentive for Employees. The resolution calls for current employees or those who become employed that get fully vaccinated before Dec. 30, 2021 to receive an incentive. The incentive also applies to those current employees already fully vaccinated prior to the approval of the resolution.

The mayor said full-time employees fully vaccinated prior to the Dec. 30th deadline would receive \$400, part-time and fire department volunteers would receive \$200, and seasonal or temporary employees would receive \$100.

The city clerk said the street department is still looking for a machine operator.

"We understand trash is a problem right now, and we

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Elba Council fills vacant board seat for Elba BOE

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening, Sept. 27, an unexpired term on the Elba City Board of Education was filled.

Mayor Tom Maddox said longtime school board member Gladys Yelverton had resigned from her seat on the board. He said Yelverton had been a great asset to the school board throughout her years of service, but she had decided to give it up.

Council member Johnathan Lockett made a motion for the council to appoint Miranda Russell to the school board seat for the remainder of the term vacated by Yelverton. All council members voted in favor of this appointment.

Maddox noted that Russell is an Elba High School graduate, and she has two children currently enrolled in the school system. He said she works as the human resources director at the Elba Nursing and



Miranda Russell

Rehabilitation facility, having been an employee there for 10 years.

The mayor also noted that he had served as one of Russell's teachers when she was a student at Elba, and he said he remembered her being very involved in school activities.

After confirmation of her appointment, council member Jane Brunson thanked Russell for her willingness to serve on the Elba City Schools Board of Education.

Russell said she was honored to be asked to serve on the school board, filling the seat vacated by Yelverton.



SMOOTHIE/JUICE BAR OPENS IN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday morning, Sept. 23, at Blessed Nutrition of Elba, located at 127 Factory Avenue [inside the Moseley Photography building]. This new business, co-owned by Mechelle Pierce and Susan Platt, offers nutritional shakes and teas. Blessed of Elba is open weekdays. Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum Williams, and several others joined Pierce and Platt for the ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday morning. Those in attendance said they were excited to welcome the new smoothie/juice bar to business. Blessed Nutrition is one of three different food-related businesses that has opened recently in the city.

Area Happenings

THE JACK DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., on the practice field of Zion Chapel School. There is no admission charge. The festival will include food, arts and crafts, games, entertainment, a car show, cow patty drop, auction, and much more. All proceeds benefit community service and literacy projects in Jack, Ala.

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will meet Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." — Ronald Reagan

HO HUM . . . The United States government is again on the brink of a shutdown of many federal agencies because the treasury is broke and has reached its legislative approved debt limit. This has become a routine Washington event in recent years. The majority political party presents a plan to increase the debt limit . . . then the minority party opposes said plan. Sooner or later the debt limit gets raised simply because the government must operate, and the legislators didn't handle the budget in a way to prevent going broke. It doesn't matter which political party is in charge, the other side opposes. Why? Well, someone told them it would make their arch enemy, (the members of the other party) look bad and help elect 'their political party friends' come the next election day. Of course, an alarming (and growing) percentage of voters only want to know "When is the government going to 'give' me something else?" thus increasing the pressure to spend, spend, spend. Senator Richard Shelby once commented to us that the American people believe that wasteful pork spending is the money spent on other people, not that spent helping "us".

We saw a political cartoon this week that didn't take sides but hit all our Washington crowd with any dealings with the debt ceiling. It was a bomb with "Debt Ceiling DEFAULT" print on the side. Also, there was a Democrat mule, a Republican elephant, a family of regular citizens and a Washington politician all strapped to the bomb. The political type strapped in next to the elephant was saying "It's going to be hilarious to watch the Democrats blow up!" The point of the cartoon was that with a debt ceiling default, the whole country blows up! At least here is something we can probably all agree upon.

It sorta of hurt our feelings Monday when we read the results of a huge public opinion poll dealing with COVID shots and several other topics. One question indicated 75% of those questioned from across the nation supported a mandate for the shots. The other 25% were mostly strongly opposed. The tidbit that hurt our feelings was that less than 20% of those questioned trusted the news media. That means US! Whatever has caused that drastic drop in trust needs to be corrected and soon.

New prisons in Alabama . . . choosing which existing ones will close will be the major sticking point as the Alabama legislature meets in a special session to consider building two new, modern mega-prisons. Sen. Billy Beasley's district is home to three state prisons, and it is no surprise that he is expressing reservations with the new proposals. Several years ago, we heard his concerns over the huge investments several rural cities made to extend water and sewer lines during the construction of local prisons and now with the income flow to make the long term bond issue payments about to stop. Clearly that position has not changed, and others will have the same reservations. Add those to the several lawmakers who frown on all the additional debt the project will saddle upon Alabama taxpayers and it is not clear that the proposal hammered out by Governor Ivey will pass muster with the politicians in the statehouse.

Only one newspaper reporter can witness the death of an Alabama inmate sentenced to die next month. Press witnesses are there, not for a 'fun' day, but to represent the public in ensuring the execution is done according to the state constitution and hold all the folks involved accountable. There have been some complaints from several state media folks that they can't also observe the event. Of course, we strongly support open government in all areas, but "no thanks" if you are offering us a seat at this scheduled execution — or the next one.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

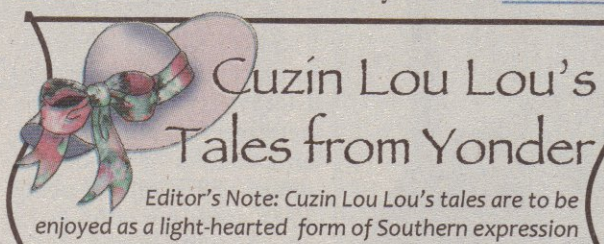
New Hope Senior Center taking applications for new participants

New Hope Senior Center is looking for more information, for a "Fool Good Men and Women" to become a part of the senior center family! The center is taking applications for new participants. For more information, contact center director Conzuella Banks at (334) 735-5433. Call Today!!

Upcoming Meeting...

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m., at the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. A limited to the number of people can be in the room so anyone planning to attend, should call 334-894-5581X3 to ensure space is available.

NOTICE:
Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at 897-3019.



Who would have thought that something as simple as purchasing new towels would have caused an uproar at Cuzin Lou Lou's house? Certainly not Lou Lou, but her mistake was in not remembering that she lives with Sister!

Lou Lou and Sister had discussed on several occasions that it was probably time to replace the towels and wash cloths at the Yonder gang's house. So, Lou Lou decided to take the matter into her own hands and get the job done rather than keep "talking" about it.

Lou Lou and Sister had agreed on the color scheme for the new items. No need in getting Papa's opinion on the matter because he treats such matters the same way he treats his food. As long as it is there when he's ready, he's happy!

The new washcloths and towels arrived, and Lou Lou proudly showed Sister what she had done. She was almost shocked when Sister admitted that Lou Lou had done well, and the new items met her approval.

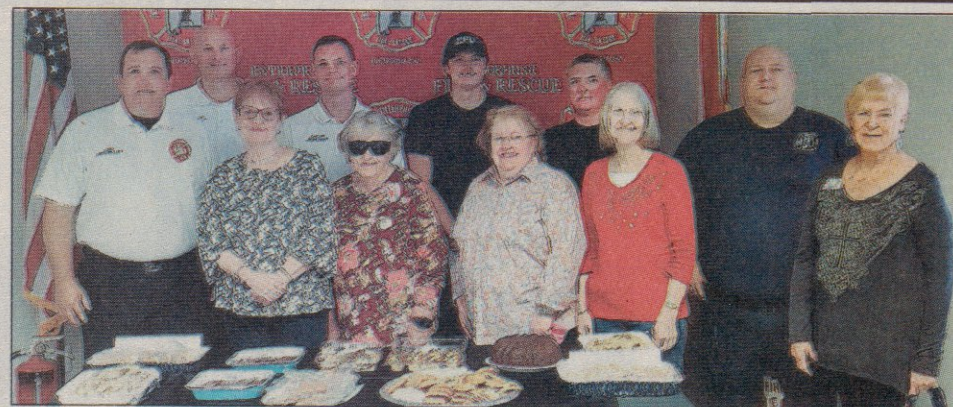
Well...that all went down the drain with the first shower Sister took using the new towels.

Sister started the week out "running behind" on Monday morning. When Lou Lou asked Sister why she was running late, she immediately let Lou Lou know it was her fault!

"How in the world can it be my fault?!?!?" Lou Lou asked.

Lou Lou had not even left her bedroom yet that morning. The only reason she was even talking to Sister was that Sister had dropped by Lou Lou's room [as she does when she leaves the house first] to say good morning to Little Bean. It is relevant to point out that Sister only says good morning to Lou Lou because she feels obligated after coming to see Little Bean first! Lou Lou knows where she stands when it comes to Little Bean — with Sister and Papa!

Back on point...the "reason" Sister gave for her



Daughters of the American Revolution members celebrate the National DAR Day of Service each year on the anniversary of the organization's founding - Oct 11th. DAR was founded on the ideals of service and members have been dedicated to giving back to their communities through volunteer initiatives ever since. The John Coffee DAR Chapter Service to America Chair Anne Couturier chose the Central Fire Station in Enterprise as the project emphasis for this year, and the department gave her a date that would be the best time for baked good to be brought to the station by club members to show their appreciation for the dedication, professionalism and caring for the community that is exemplified by firefighters. Shown in photo (from left) Fire Chief Chris Davis; Lt Brian Beasley; DAR Service to America Chair Anne Couturier; Capt Bryan Turner; DAR Nell Gilmer; Firefighter Will Richardson; DAR Jane Harrod; Firefighter Bobby Hice; DAR Wendy Zeller; Firefighter Clint Wright and DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins. For more information about joining DAR, contact Cathy Tallino at mrsnorwop@yahoo.com.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and Monday, September 27, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Sept. 21 — Suspicious person reported at 221 E Davis St (3:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 429 Plant Ave — with impound (8:24 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 334 W Davis St (9:12 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 722 Roosevelt Dr (10:29 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 611 N Claxton Ave (4:55 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hickman Ave (5:27 p.m.); Fight reported at 221 E Davis St (9:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1495 Reese Ave (11:58 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, and one no action taken.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 13375 Hwy 84 (7:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1933 Hickman Ave (8:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1105 Guyton St (12:29 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1426 Hickman Ave (12:44 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Guyton and Williams streets (1:16 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Old Samson Rd (1:54 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 24183 Hwy 189 (2:03 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:17 p.m.); Burglary reported at 200 Brunson St (5:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 318 Smith Ave (10:37 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Thursday, Sept. 23 — Noise complaint reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (12:22 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 2877 Hwy 84 (12:55 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 720 Dixon St (6:52 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Martin Luther King Dr (8:05 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 1297 Ann St (10:39 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1297 Ann St (11:29 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 522 N Claxton Ave (11:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (12:26 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 131 Tiger Dr (12:37 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 885 Forest Ave (2:14 p.m.);

Disturbance reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (7:07 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 720 Reese Ave (9:05 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 718 Simmons St (9:40 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a written warning.

Friday, Sept. 24 — Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (6:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1474 Reese Ave (9:00 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 2251 Old Curtis Rd (11:32 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 322 Court Ave (12:33 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1556 Gray St (4:13 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1649 Boswell St (6:16 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 720 Reese Ave (7:01 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 S — contact made and verbal warning given (7:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:29 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Cordelia Ave (11:56 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 975 Smith Ave (11:56 p.m.). There were no traffic stops recorded on this date.

Saturday, Sept. 25 — Suspicious person reported at 402 Collier St (2:44 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St — an arrest was made (4:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1584 Caroline St (5:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Drive (1:17 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Caroline St (1:20 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 595 Collier St (6:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 — contact was made and a verbal warning given (7:38 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 331 Adkinson Ave (8:54 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Jones St (10:14 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 3428 County Rd 417 (11:11 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings.

Sunday, Sept. 26 — Trespassing reported at 1584 Caroline St (6:47 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (8:46 a.m.); Animal complaint on Jackson St (9:42 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1303 Reese Ave (1:06 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (1:27 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 720 Reese Ave (4:32 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 800 N Claxton Ave (6:08 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 342 N Court Ave (8:23 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

Monday, Sept. 27 — Burglary reported at 720 Dixon St — an arrest was made (7:56 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1021 Farris Ave (12:50 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 888 County Rd 401 (6:45 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (9:43 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

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A look at announced changes in flood insurance rates

Below is a quote from the experts at the University of Alabama responding to announced changes in flood insurance rates.

The release closes with a comment that indicates this rate increase is for new policies.

It leaves us holding our breath about the impact on us existing policyholders but apparently only two existing flood policies in the 36323 zip code area will increase as much as \$40 per year.

"Looming changes to flood insurance will raise rates for some policyholders in Alabama, but, on the whole, the changes are good public policy," said Dr. Lars Powell, director and senior research professional of the Alabama Center for Insurance Information and Research. "The changes match rate to risk so people with a greater chance of having large losses pay higher premiums and vice versa."

Powell said, "It also increases incentives for people and businesses to protect their property from flooding and allows the gov-

ernment to allocate resources toward flood mitigation projects, instead of subsidizing insurance."

About 1,700 flood insurance policyholders will see a rate increase greater than \$20 next year as part of the changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Premium rating system known as Risk Rating 2.0, scheduled to go into effect for new policies on Oct. 1.

For primary homes with existing coverage, the increase is limited to 18% per year, but it doesn't look like that will be binding for most of Elba.

The ZIP Code in Elba is 36323, and there are 168 NFIP policies and the first-year changes break down shows only 18 will see a rate increase of \$10 or more. Thirteen will get a \$10 to \$20 increase, three will pay and additional \$20 to \$30 and two will see rates increase from \$30 to \$40. Of the balance, 66 of the 36323 group on this revised rate schedule will actually get \$10 to \$100 lower rates.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

BETHEL RAY THOMPSON

Mr. Bethel Ray Thompson, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2021 from Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church with Rev. Loyd Hodge and Rev. Lloyd Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Ray served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam and was honored at the conclusion of the graveside service. He spent his retirement days on his farm outside of Elba. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Assembly of God for over 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Bethel and Maude Wesley Thompson; and his sister, Olivia Wilhite of River Falls.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years: Marcia Hershel Thompson, Elba; son: Joe (Lynn) Travis, Wicksburg, Ala.; daughters: Brittany (Justin) Broderway, Tucker, Ga., and Rebecca Thompson, Elba; grandson: Jacob Travis, and granddaughter: Haley Travis, both of Wicksburg; sister: Barbara Ann Griggs, River Falls, Ala.; and many friends.

BILL DISMUKES

Mr. Bill Dismukes, age 86, a resident of the Victoria Community, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at his home. Graveside services were held Sept. 27, 2021 at New Hope Cemetery with Rev. Buddy Hood officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Those wishing to make memorials, are invited to

do so to the New Hope Cemetery Fund, with "maintenance" noted in the memo, c/o Billy Eagerton, 436 County Road 130, Jack, AL 36346.

Bill was a graduate of New Brockton High School. Upon graduating high school, he received an agriculture degree from Auburn University (Poly Tech University) in 1962. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Connie Lou and Eugene Dismukes; along with brothers, Sam Dismukes (Betsy), Don Dismukes (Sybil), and George Dismukes.

Survivors include his wife: Judy Killingsworth Dismukes; daughter: Stephanie Roberts (Kirk); sons: Ashley Dismukes (Lois), Todd Killingsworth (Leah), and Kevin Killingsworth; along with grandchildren: Wilson Roberts, Henry Roberts, Elizabeth D. Blackwell (JD), Cole Killingsworth, Laurie Killingsworth, David Killingsworth, Sarah Killingsworth, Addie Killingsworth, and Emma Killingsworth; and one great-granddaughter: Draper E. Blackwell.

DAWSON JASPER FARRIS

Mr. Dawson Jasper Farris, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at his home.

Graveside services were held Sept. 23, 2021 at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Sam Self and Rev. Shane Thompson officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Dawson was born at home in rural Coffee County on Dec. 8, 1940, the oldest of four children of Eugene and Ollie Belle Farris. He was a member of New Haven Baptist Church. Dawson attended Damascus School and later graduated from Elba High School. He then attended Massey-Draughan Business College in Montgomery where he met Jeanette Johnson of Tuskegee who became his

wife. Dawson and Jeanette had two children, Denise and Michele. God provided Dawson a second wife and helpmate, Frankie Donaldson Oglesby. As a bonus, he was blessed with two precious children, Jan and Greg. Jason was born to Dawson and Frankie in 1976.

Dawson and Frankie took great pride in their poultry operation. They received many awards such as Top Broiler Producer several years and an Outstanding Conservation Business Award.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Ollie Belle Farris; wife, Jeanette Farris; son-in-law, Tommy Brown; sisters, Jean Spurlin and Glenda Weeks; and great-grandson, T. J. Northey.

Survivors include his wife: Frankie Farris, Elba; daughters: Jan (Stan) Wicker, Elba, Denise Newman, Panama City Beach, Fla., and Michele Brown, Tuskegee, Ala.; sons: Greg (Arlene) Oglesby, and Jason (Marsha) Farris, both of Elba; grandchildren: Mark (Leigh) Wicker, Jesse Oglesby, Morgan Oglesby, Preston Farris, Lucas Farris, all of Elba, and Molly Newman, Panama City Beach; great-grandchildren: Dunn Wicker and Lilly Oglesby, both of Elba; sister: Beth (Lamar) Henderson, Elba.

The family was aided with Dawson's care by caregivers, Lucy Watkins, Leslie Flowers, and Betty Homyak.

JANIE CHRISTINE FIELDS LEE

Mrs. Janie Christine Fields Lee, age 34, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala., due to complications of COVID-19.

Memorial services were held Sept. 26, 2021 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Sister Pat Kelley officiating.

Survivors include her

mother: Christine Stewart; husband: Larry Lee; son: A.J. Lee; and sister: Halle Stewart, all of Elba; along with sister: Starla Edwards, Opp; and stepbrother: William Fields, Elba.

RITA FAYE DUBISAR

Mrs. Rita Faye Dubisar, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, her home.

Graveside services were held Sept. 28, 2021 at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Dewberry officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Those wishing to make memorials are asked to do so to the American Cancer Society in memory of Rita.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Dubisar; a daughter, Lynn Dubisar; son, Chris Dubisar; her parents, Pearl and J.D. Farris; sister, Joyce Skinner; and a brother, Otha Farris.

Survivors include her daughter: Toni (Patrick) Dewberry, Elba; granddaughters: Kristen Malone, Elisa Rickard, and Paige Veasey; great-grandchildren: Reid Peoples, Wesley Rockenfelder, Nycollette Spears, and Dimitri Dewberry; sisters: Wanda Machicote and Pat Mauldin, both of Elba, Betty Bryan and Eloise Kirkpatrick, both of Columbus, Ga., and Shirley Averette, Denham Springs, La.



PLAYERS OF WEEK RECOGNIZED AT ELBA QB CLUB 'GAME DAY' MEETING...On Friday, Sept. 24, Elba football Coach Marc Sieving recognized three players for their outstanding play in the win over Cottonwood [Friday, Sept. 17]. He said these players really played great games under some unusual circumstances. The players recognized were (from left): Kaden Grogg – Defensive Player of the Week; Whit Shehee – Offensive Player of the Week; and Carson Wise – Special Teams Player of the Week. Sieving said Shehee had been out due to COVID quarantine and his first day back was the day before the Cottonwood game. He said the coaches had been working with Shehee to keep him up-to-speed on things, and he was very impressive on the offensive line that night and played a great game. As for Grogg, Coach Sieving said he was thrust into action on defense for the Cottonwood game due to some starters being out, and he said Grogg did an outstanding job of taking advantage of the opportunity. On special teams, Sieving said Wise had a big fumble recovery for the Tigers in the win over Cottonwood. He also noted that Wise is a versatile player, and he expects he might be back later in the season being recognized as either an offensive or defensive player of the week too.

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Suicide and Complicated Grief

When a loved one passes away, most people feel acute grief...the initial painful grief. After that, grief turns into integrated grief...an ongoing form of grief but also the period when people start to heal. When integrated grief starts to abate most people find themselves finding new strength and wisdom within themselves.

Some people find themselves unable to move on from their grief. It turns into a very prolonged, unresolved, and traumatic form of grief called complicated grief. With this, feelings of longing don't go away with time. Pain stays fresh and you don't start to heal. This is the type of grief that interferes with life and daily activities. It can also lead to pain so intense that someone may feel like the only possible relief is their own death.

Survivors of suicide (those left behind to mourn the loss) are very likely to feel complicated grief. This is because of the effects of trauma and stigma. Survivors of suicide are more likely to feel emotions such as rejection, blame, and shame compared to other causes of death. It is very common for survivors of suicide to get caught up by feelings that they should have known or should have done something differently to prevent the suicide. It can also be hard to find someone to share feelings with because you fear judgment and other people are unlikely to understand what you are going through.

If you find yourself or a loved one experiencing complicated grief, this is not something that will go away on its own. One of the most important things you can do is to get help. If you can't talk to a trusted friend or family member, find a support group, doctor or counselor you can talk to who will help you process your grief and find the resources you need.

Here are some other resources:
National Suicide Prevention Hotline – confidential 24/7 support
1-800-273-8255; www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Veterans Crisis Line – call, chat or text for 24/7 help
1-800-273-8255 EXT 1; www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/hotline
SAVE: Suicide Awareness Voices of Education – resources and education for survivors; www.save.org

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Joseph Clark Bragg

died on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2021. He was hospitalized on August 22, 2021 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Pell City, Alabama, where he died.

Clark was an RN (Registered Nurse) for the state of Alabama for ten years. He was 68 years old. He was born September 14, 1952 in Victoria, Alabama. He was reared by his parents, Vera Nell and Grafton Bragg. He had two brothers, Steve Bragg and Michell Bragg, and

one sister, Rebecca Bragg Drummond. He will be greeted in heaven by his parents and two brothers.

Clark married Susan Jacobs, daughter of Thomas Eugene and Christine Jacobs, who lived in Elba all of their lives. He is survived by his son, Shane Bragg, and his daughter, Brandy Bragg Thompson. His only grandchild is Haley Jo Thompson. She was the apple of his eye. He was also survived by four nephews: Heath Bragg and Wesley Bragg of Victoria; Hunter Drummond of Austin, Texas; and Spencer Drummond of San Antonio, Texas.

Prior to receiving his nursing degree from Jacksonville State University, he served twenty years in the United States Army. Susan, Shane, Brandy, and Clark were stationed in Italy for three years and in Germany for three years. He retired as a Command Sergeant Major.

He will be remembered fondly for his joking and contagious laughter with those who were blessed to know him well. He was known to be extremely reliable, trustworthy, and a faithful friend to many.

His neighbor, Evelyn Roach, remembers the first time he played bingo at Concord United Methodist Church. The bingo game was an antique; Clark went home and ordered a new bingo game for the group.

Michael Gatch, the pastor of this church, did Clark's service in the Chapel of Kilgore Funeral Home in Pell City. After the service, Concord Church provided lunch for the family.

Did Clark have a special gift? Yes! He loved dancing and was good at it. He also loved football and tailgating with his Auburn friends.

Death is as unique as the individual who is experiencing it. Forrest Gump said, "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get."

His final resting place will be at Veterans National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. It is located at 3133 Highway 119, fifteen miles south of Birmingham.

ROY ELLIS "BUDDY" KING



Mr. Roy Ellis «Buddy» King, age 65, a resident of Jack, Ala., passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021, at his home.

Memorial services were held at Zion Chapel Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, beginning at 2:00 PM with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was held at Zion Chapel Baptist Church on Wednesday from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Buddy will be remembered for his love of sports, whether it was refereeing local youth sports, cheering on his favorite team, or serving as a commentator for the Elba Tigers. He was always on or near the field. When he was not a local game, he could be found casting a line in a favorite fishing hole, or at a nearby golf course working to improve his stroke.

Buddy was always active, and a proud supporter of local athletics.

He leaves behind his wife, Selena King; son, Roy (Clare) B. King, San Antonio, TX; along with his sister, Dixann King, and brother-in-law, Jake Batchelor of Elba, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Ann and Roy King.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the King family.

CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS



The New Life Church of Perdue Outreach Ministry blessed Zion Chapel School teachers Monday, Sept. 27, with baskets of school supplies. Those participating in the presentation included (from left to right) Youth Pastor Lucas Taylor, Pastor Chris Tidwell, Kenzie Jones, Kati Golden, and Sue Finger.



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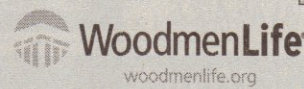
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Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church cancels Homecoming

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church has cancelled the 2021 Homecoming Service, which was scheduled for Oct. 3rd. For those with loved ones buried at Pleasant Ridge or those with interest in preserving this landmark, contributions can be made to the church and/or cemetery by mailing checks to 4408 County Rd. 223, Elba, AL 36323.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Charles Box, Pastor

Walnut Street Church of Christ
306 Walnut St., Greenville, Alabama

IT IS CHOICE NOT CHANCE

God has created you as a unique individual with the potential for and the ability for service in His kingdom. You are allowed to choose the life that God created you to live. We do well to remember that life has choices and choices have consequences. Therefore, it is imperative that we make RIGHT and GODLY choices. Solomon wrote, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity." (Ecclesiastes 11:9-10)

It costs something to make right choices, but it costs much more to make the wrong choice. We have the power to make choices. Even though you have the power to make choices you do not get to determine the outcome of those choices. The consequence is already affixed to the choice. In Galatians 6:7-8 we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." You cannot make wrong choices and get right results. Remember, you are allowed to choose the action but not the result.

The consequences of our decision are fixed. God told the Jews that they could choose life or death. "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) No one can make the right choice for you. We can tell you what is right. We can pray for you and point you in the right direction, but we cannot choose for you and we cannot stop you from your choices. What you want is not what you are going to get if you are making the wrong choice. You hold your destiny in your hands. Choice life!

To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (Mark 16:16), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized for remission of sins. (Acts 2:38) It takes character to make the right choices when the wrong choices are more popular. Remember, it is choice, not chance that determines our destiny.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14
Thinking of You! Praying for You.
Bernice Culver
Min. John Lawrence
Ariel Hutchinson
Bereaved Families
Shanika Pruitt
Phillip Musgrove
Myra Duncan
Kimberly Rideaux
Clarice Fitch
Listene Kelley

October Birthdays/Anniversaries

Effie Johnson 10/10
Vickie Jean Smith Florence 10/10
Robert (Moe) Edwards 10/11
Emmanuel Staldworth 10/13
Asta Jolie Rudolph 10/14
A Z Stoudmire 10/16
Barbara Tillis 10/17
Barbara K. Smith 10/17
Minnie J. Andrews 10/17
Eric Culver. 10/17
Malachi Lee 10/18
Sara Stoudmire 10/19

The Right Kind of Heart

A relatively few people with severe heart disease are fortunate enough to receive a heart transplant – one of the most remarkable achievements of modern medicine. But Greg Hamilton is one of very few people around the world who have had two heart transplants. It was not by design – several hours into the first operation it was discovered that Hamilton's blood type had been misidentified. Thus, he was receiving a heart of the wrong blood type, which crated a strong likelihood of his body's rejecting the new heart. So the surgeons finished the job and Hamilton was placed at the top of the list to receive another new heart. A week later he got it, and less than two weeks after the second surgery he walked out of the hospital on the road to recovery.

When Solomon became King of Israel as a young man, he had much going for him. Not the least of his blessings was God's gift of the right king of heart. While we know that "An understanding (or discerning) heart" does not refer to the literal heart that beat within Solomon's chest, it is a phrase that is pregnant with meaning. An attitude that reacts to every situation by first turning to God for wisdom is a blessing that all of us should seek. No matter how low or high our station is life, such a "heart" should be among our deepest desires. This is all the more true if we are placed in positions of leadership in society or in the Church. C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 10/7/21

Fill in the Blanks

(Q) Solomon told the Assembly that God was faithful to the Promise given through _____

(A) Moses – King 8:56

(Q) For I will make you a name and a Paise among all _____ of the earth.

(A) People – Zephaniah 3:20

(Q) What three words of Jesus create the acronym A.S.K.?

(A) Ask, Seek, Knock – Luke 11:9

Thought to Remember

Be the Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud

Questions for the week of 10/14/21

True or False

(Q) Jesus performed many mighty works in His hometown.

(Q) Jesus said that those who have seen Him have seen the Father

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABOUNDING COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA IS ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hancey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Gunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon. 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p>
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BENNIE ARNETTE, DECEASED

Case No: PC-2021-034

NOTICE/ORDER

To: Cindy Arnette, heir of Bennie Arnette

You are hereby given notice that DONALD ARNETTE filed his petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order of this Court, to admit to probate an instrument purporting to be the Will of BENNIE ARNETTE, deceased. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 26th day of October, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. is appointed a day for hearing on said Petition at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. THIS IS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
PROBATE JUDGE
Coffee County, Alabama
9-16,23,30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH DALE GROGG Deceased

CASE NO: PC 2021-074

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters OF Administration having been granted to Joseph Grogg, as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Dale Grogg, deceased, on the 23rd day of June, 2021, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate of Kenneth Dale Grogg are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/23,30 & 10/7 - pd



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NOTICE OF COMPLETION (300M Gallon Water Storage Tank, CDBG Project No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101)

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that FISHER TANK COMPANY, Contractor, has completed the Contract for the 300M Gallon Water Storage Tank, CDBG Project No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101, for the Coffee County Commission, New Brockton, AL, a municipal corporation and has made request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Southern Engineering Solutions, 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, AL 36420.

FISHER TANK COMPANY
104 Fisher Tank Drive
Leesville, SC 29070
9/9,16,23&30-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jay Chamunda, LLC and Chetankumar Gohel, individual on September 29, 2017, said Mortgage being recorded November 2, 2017, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 784, Page 205. Millennium Investment Group, LLC as Lender and Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise Alabama, on October 5, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to-wit:

A 0.76 acre, more or less, parcel of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, being in and a part of the NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 22 East, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a calculated point at the intersection of the southeast right-of-way (ROW) of Alabama Highway #27 (60' ROW) and the West ROW of Coffee County #706 (50' ROW) and run thence South 15 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 30.00 feet along said #706 to an existing ½" pipe and the Point of Beginning. Thence continue along said #706 South 15 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 203.94 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642); thence South 76 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds West 181.43 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642); thence North 49 degrees 04 minutes 41 seconds West 87.13 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642) at the southeast ROW of Alabama Highway #27 (60' ROW); thence North 40 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds East 247.50 feet along said southeast ROW to an existing ½" rebar (Cap #CA0065) at the beginning of a 30 foot flare; thence South 77 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds East 28.14 feet along the said flare to the Point of Beginning. Property street address: 640 Bellwood Road, Enterprise, AL 36330

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS", SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS

SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERE-TO.

The sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Massey, Stotser & Nichols, PC at the telephone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Stephanie Lanier Weems
MASSEY, STOTSER, & NICHOLS, P.C.
1780 Gadsden Highway
B I R M I N G H A M , ALABAMA 35235

As Attorney for Millenium Investment Group, LLC
(205) 838-9000
9-16,23,30-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2021-075

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY KAYLON ARNOLD Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 14th day of September, 2021 to Mary Jon Taylor Brown as Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Kaylon Arnold, deceased, who departed this life on the 1st day of August, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Mary Jon Taylor Brown
Mary Jon Taylor Brown
Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Kaylon Arnold, Deceased
9/23,30 & 10/7 - pd

SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-2, VIII; AL107-4, VIII; AL107-5, VIII and AL107-6, VII, AL09-P107-501-21 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-2, VIII; AL107-4, VIII; AL107-5, VIII and AL107-6, VII, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-21. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to one complete unit of modernization, a metal building addition, the replacement of HVAC units and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing

Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba

By: Laurie Chapman

Title: Executive Director
9-30/10-7,14&21-chg

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson came over every afternoon last week after school and made it clear that macaroni and cheese and pizza are still his favorite afternoon snacks. My little man went through a spell when he wanted biscuits every afternoon, but that has now passed and its back to the basics. Whatever happened to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches?

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers improved* their record to 5-1 and completed a sweep of their 3A opponents last week with a convincing 27-6 road win over Providence Christian. The Tigers scored on their first possession on a seven-minute drive to grab an early lead and then used a big play to regain the lead late in the opening quarter. After that, the Tigers were in command as they surprised the large crowd on hand by rolling to the win. On offense, JT Coleman had his biggest game of the season and ran with both power and speed as he rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns, while both Byron Burks and Alvin Henderson had big nights on the ground as the Tigers rolled up 334 yards rushing. Over on defense, Elba got pushed around at the line of scrimmage at times in the first half as Providence Christian rolled up 137 yards on the ground. However, the Tiger defense made a few changes at the half and in the final two quarters limited Providence to just 24 yards on the ground and 66 yards in total offense. It was a great road win for Elba and for the second straight week the Tigers showed improvement in almost all areas. If that improvement continues, watch out for the Tigers!

*** *It was a good week for the teams in the area* as everyone but Zion Chapel hung wins on their side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back....

** *Kinston scored just about any way possible* in a record-setting 74-0 win over Barbour County. The Bulldogs snapped the ball seven times in the first half and scored on five of those snaps to open up a 47-0 halftime advantage, then in the second half snapped the ball only once and scored on that play as the score ballooned. Nine different players crossed the goal line for Kinston in the lopsided win, and while the final score looked bad, it was just about as close as it could have been.

** *New Brockton rallied from an 18-point* third quarter deficit to post an amazing 30-26 win over W.S. Neal. The Gamecocks surrendered three touchdowns on interception returns and trailed 26-8 midway through the third quarter, but never gave up and battled their way back to claim the huge road win. It was a win the Gamecocks badly needed after the disappointing loss to Wicksburg, and could serve as the catalyst for a late-season surge toward the playoffs.

** *Brantley surrendered its first points* of the season after three straight shutouts, but was never really threatened in a big 42-20 win over Highland Home. The Bulldogs were more than a little concerned after actually getting on the field only twice in the season's opening five weeks, but showed once again they have more than enough talented athletes to continue to be a 1A power and a state title contender.

** *Zion Chapel scored a season high 20 points*, but it wasn't enough as the Rebels slipped to 0-5 with a 35-20

loss to Samson. The Rebels have begun to find themselves on offense and have scored at least 18 points in each of their last three games, but turnovers and high-powered foes have combined to be a little too much for the Rebels to overcome. I'm sure the folks up at Zion Chapel are convinced a win isn't far away, and I agree as the Rebs keep on working to improve.

*** *It was another exciting week* on the football fields all across the state and after six weeks there is plenty to talk about. A few items that have caught my eye this season are * that teams from the state are 17-21 against out-of-state opponents, including 0-6 against teams from Mississippi* 7A power Thompson has outscored its victims 310-12 in extending its winning streak to 24 games, * Hoover has now been ranked in the state high school polls for 237 straight weeks, * Columbia is mired in a state worst 58 game losing streak, * and Maplesville picked up its 600th win last week with a win over Jemison. Now for a look back at the week that was....

** *Class 1A* – Top-ranked Brantley outscored Highland Home 42-20 and #2 Sweet Water knocked off 2A power Leroy 41-26, while #3 Pickens County lost to Aliceville 32-29, #5 Millry lost to St. Luke's 24-17 and #6 Keith was knocked off by Southside 40-26.

** *Class 2A* – Top-ranked Mars Hill was embarrassed by 6A Cullman 49-7 and #2 Lanett dropped a squeaker to Handley 19-18, while #8 Geneva County lost to Geneva 26-2 on a blocked extra-point and #9 Leroy was surprised by Sweet Water 41-26.

** *Class 3A* – Second-ranked Piedmont outscored Jacksonville 55-45, while #6 Montgomery Academy got spanked by Montgomery Catholic 42-0 and #10 T.R. Miller lost to UMS-Wright 23-15.

** *Class 4A* – Top-ranked Handley sneaked past 2A power Lanett 19-18, while \$5 Gordo lost to Northridge 24-21, #9 Central Florence lost to Sheffield 47-13 and #10 Bibb County Bibb County was blanked by Andalusia 25-0.

** *Class 5A* – Top-ranked Pike Road was awarded a 1-0 forfeit win over Tallassee and #2 Pleasant Grove hammered #3 Central Clay County 35-3, while #6 Russellville got blasted 58-21 by Hartselle, and #10 Greenville fell hard to Wetumpka 28-8.

** *Class 6A* – The top two teams both had the week off, while #4 Mt. Brook was clobbered by 7A Thompson 51-0, #6 McAdory was outscored by Helena 41-35 and #7 Opelika got clubbed by Central Phenix City 38-7.

** *Class 7A* – Top-ranked Thompson made it 24 straight wins with a 51-0 victory over Mt. Brook and #2 Hoover kept pace with a 35-16 win over Prattville.

** *Some other games of interest included* Geneva blocking a fourth quarter extra-point in a 26-25 win over Geneva County; Cottonwood evening its record at 3-3 with a 28-26 double-overtime win over Northside Methodist; Headland shocking Dale County 27-26 on a late touchdown; Dothan falling to 1-4 with a 42-14 road loss to previously winless Gadsden County, Florida; Enterprise scoring at will in a big 64-29 homecoming win over winless Ft. Walton Beach; Arifton rolling up over 200 yards both running and passing in a wild 38-28 win over Slocomb; Pike County remaining winless with a 49-6 loss to Carroll, which all the sudden has won three straight; Wicksburg winning over 5A Rehobeth 17-6 in a hard fought, physical battle; G.W. Long coasting to an easy 58-8 win over winless Daleville; and, Opp blanking Straughn 42-0 as the Bobcats remained on a roll and the Tigers lost their second straight game after piling up the wins early in the season.

*** *I honestly don't pay that much attention* to college football, but did take a look at Auburn's football schedule

the other day and had to shake my head that a team that is expected to make lots of noise this season under a new head coach opened its season with three of its first four games at home against such outclassed opponents as Akron, Alabama State and Georgia State, and next season the Tigers will open the season with five straight home games, with the first two being against Mercer and San Jose State. The last three of the five-game stretch will find a little better level of competition when Penn State, Missouri and LSU head to town. However, I don't believe the automatic wins are good for anybody but the fans.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by* over the weekend and declared that if Elba can win this week on the road against Geneva County it may very well win the region title. I'm not really sure what the local guesspert had been sipping on earlier in the day, but he was convinced and I just nodded my head. Anyway, he hit on 18 of 22 picks last week and left this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Pea River felines have grown claws in recent weeks and this weekend plans a trip down the river to invade a dog pound just off the square in Hartford. The felines will have their hands full with this batch of dogs and may lose some fur, but the guess here is they will hang up another win and stay on a roll.

ELBA 33 GENEVA COUNTY 26

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The roosters from over near the bypass could be heard crowing all weekend long after making it back from a trip across the state, but this week will have to rest their voices if they hope to do even more crowing after what would be a big region win down in the tomato patch in Geneva county. The tomato pickers haven't had much luck this season, but may be a little too strong for the roosters this week.

SLOCOMB 36 NEW BROCKTON 34

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The bulldogs from down near the county line blew out some bulbs on the scoreboard last week in a 74-point win over a liter of kitties from up the road and this week will travel down near the state line looking to cage some more kitties. While the dogs did have lots of fun last week, this week could be different. In a four quarter battle....

KINSTON 17 FLORALA 16

ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG

The troops from up at Fort Jack are still looking for their first victory dinner of the season and this weekend have invited another band of gray coats over for a little exercise. The visitors have been having fun this season and may eat more than share of the grub after the workout, but look for the local troops to get in a few swings.

G.W. LONG 49 ZION CHAPEL 6

BRANTLEY VS. SAMSON

The bulldogs from up across the creek are still rolling along and barely working up a sweat on the weekends against any and all challengers, and this week will host a litter of kitties to town that have surprised some folks with their early-season success. Don't let the records fool'ya, the dogs will make it look easy.

BRANTLEY 33 SAMSON 7

OTHER PICKS:

Red Level 22 Georgiana 18
McKenzie 41 Pleasant Home 12
Sweet Water 56 Southern Choctaw 0
Hillcrest 27 Linden 8
Autaugaville 36 Barbour County 6
Leroy 40 Blacksher 6
Ariton 45 Abbeville 6
Cottonwood 28 Houston County 27
Isabella 27 Highland Home 20
Luverne 47 Calhoun 0
Lanett 35 Vincent 7
T.R. Miller 31 Excel 15
Opp 38 Providence Christian 10
Wicksburg 49 Daleville 0
Dadeville 56 Goshen 6
Catholic 49 Pike County 0
Trinity 44 Reeltown 8
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Greenville 27 Rehobeth 6
Andalusia 35 Headland 0
Valley 27 Eufaula 21
Opelika 34 Russell County 12
Lanier 50 Park Crossing 18
Central PC 24 Auburn 22
Carroll 31 Dothan 17
Smiths Station 28 Jeff Davis 14
Enterprise 31 Prattville 27

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 30
Elba at Red Level
Goshen at New Brockton
Kinston at Andalusia
Charles Henderson at Zion Chapel

Thursday, Oct. 7
Floral at Elba
New Brockton at Dale County
Samson at Kinston
Brantley at Geneva County
Brantley vs. Slocomb

Monday, Oct. 4
Geneva County at Elba
New Brockton at Elba
Geneva County vs. New Brockton
Kinston at Geneva
Zion Chapel at Luverne
Red Level at Brantley

Tuesday, Oct. 5
Elba at Pike County
Kinston at Florala
Brantley at Luverne

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Against Geneva County

Tigers on the road for region clash

The Elba Tigers will be looking to continue their recent winning ways and keep alive their goal of claiming a region title Friday night when they travel to Dixie Howell Stadium, in Hartford, for a key region clash with the Geneva County Bulldogs.

Elba leads the all-time series with their region rivals 27-15, has won the last five meetings, and last season posted a big 50-22 win.

"Geneva County has a really good football team and I assure you they are looking forward to the game Friday night to pay us back for last year and to keep their hopes alive of claiming a high seed in the region standings," said Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "Everyone knows they have one of the best backs in the nation in Emmanuel Henderson, but he is far from the only weapon they have and they are a solid, well-coached football team on both offense and defense."

Elba will bring a 5-1 record into the clash with wins over Daleville 41-14, Opp 33-28, Zion Chapel 48-12, Cottonwood 54-24 and Providence Christian 27-6, and a lone loss to

G.W. Long 35-16. Geneva County will carry a 3-2 record into the game with wins over Wicksburg 33-14, Cottonwood 28-12 and Abbeville 40-6, and losses to Arifton 42-0 and Geneva 26-25.

"Geneva County has proven all season it can beat anybody on its schedule on any given night and we have to make sure we are ready to play and will play our best game of the season on both sides of the ball," added Sieving. "On offense it all centers around Henderson, as it should, but they have several quality players and a solid line that gives Henderson room to run. Geneva County can be effective passing as well as running, and does a really good job of mixing things up on offense. We will have to be ready for anything they do at any given time, and at the same time be aggressive up front and tackle well. The best way to keep their offense off the field is for us to be effective on offense, and that means to block well up front, run hard on every single play and be efficient when we go to the air. We will need to be balanced on offense, keep the chains moving and put points on the scoreboard

when we get the chance."

"This is just the next in a line of very important games for us and we have to approach it like it is the biggest game of the season," said Sieving. "We

still have a chance to win the region and be at home in the playoffs, but the next step comes Friday night at Hartford, and we have to take that step if we are going to reach our goal."

Elba teams win two out of three games

Pea River Youth Football League opens '21 season

The Pea River youth football league opened season play last Saturday, Sept. 24, with all three age divisions – Mini Mitte, Termite, and Pee Wee – in action.

In the Mini Mitte division [ages 7-8], Elba shutout New Brockton 32-0, Daleville shutout Zion Chapel 38-0, Skipperville defeated Arifton 28-6, and Opp shutout Goshen 48-0.

In the Term ite division, Elba shutout New Brockton

26-0, Daleville shutout Zion Chapel 46-0, Arifton shutout Skipperville 24-0, and Goshen shutout Opp 42-0.

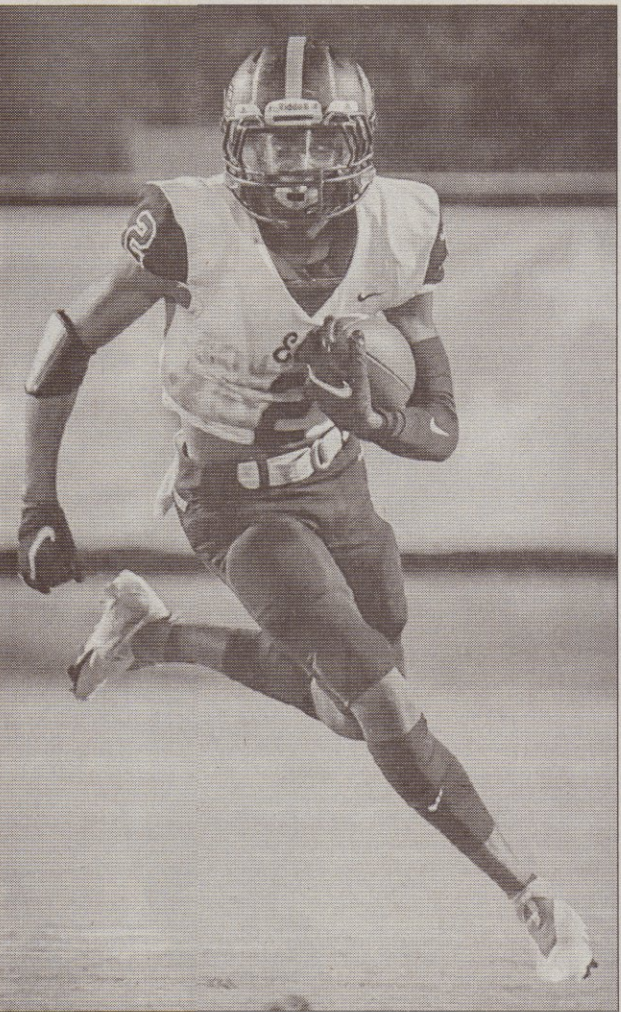
In Pee Wee action, New Brockton shutout Elba 16-0, Daleville shutout Zion Chapel 32-0, Arifton shutout Skipperville 20-0, and Opp edged past Goshen in another shutout 6-0.

Elba youth teams will host Goshen Saturday, Oct. 2, at Tiger Stadium in Elba. Games begin at 8:30 a.m.



An Elba Tiger is off and running last Saturday morning, Sept. 25, in youth football action at Gamecock Stadium in New Brockton. The Elba Youth teams brought home two wins and one loss last Saturday. This week, the young Tigers will host Goshen at Tiger Stadium with games set to begin at 8:30 a.m. (photo by BCSports Photography)

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Byron Burks (2) turns the corner and finds room to roam on a 73-yard touchdown run in last week's 27-6 win over Providence Christian.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (6) leaps over a would be Eagle defender as he heads downfield. Elba rushed for 334 yards in last week's win 27-6 over Providence Christian.



Elba Tiger Kyle Smith (56) eyes a loose ball and as he recovers an Eagle fumble to turn back a scoring threat.



ELBA JV WINS IN OVERTIME...The Elba Junior Varsity team hosted the Zion Chapel Junior Varsity team Monday night, Sept. 27, in football action. At the end of regulation play, the teams were knotted at 14 points each. Elba went on to claim the 22-20 win in overtime. Each team scored in overtime, but only Elba was able to convert its two-point conversion after the touchdown. Above, Elba's Cassidy Carpenter gets a big run for Elba in third quarter action. (photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

Push record to 5-1

Elba Tigers cage Eagles 27-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to three games and completed a clean sweep over a trio of 3A opponents with an impressive 27-6 win over the Providence Christian Eagles, at the Eagles Nest, Friday night in Dothan.

Elba received the game's opening kickoff and promptly drove 51 yards in 14 plays on a seven-minute march to grab an early lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 24 yards on eight carries and Brayden Johnson connected on two of three passes for 11 yards to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Chrystyle Caldwell capped the scoring march with a 2-yard touchdown run. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 4:49 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Providence Christian began its initial possession of the night at its own 35-yardline and answered the early Elba score as the Eagles went 65 yards in seven plays to reach the endzone. Harrison Mims rushed for 13 yards and connected on two of three passes for 15 yards to spark the scoring drive, with the score coming on a 28-yard dash by Rylan Banner. A low snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 1:10 left in the quarter the Tigers lead had been shaved to 7-6.

The momentum didn't stay on the Eagles sideline for very long; however, as on the second play of Elba's ensuing possession the Tigers Byron Burks turned the corner and then cut back across the field on a 73-yard touchdown gallop. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-6 with nine seconds still left in the opening stanza.

Providence Christian headed right back down the field on its ensuing possession and behind the running of Christian Durden reached a first down at the Elba 18-yardline. A penalty on second down slowed the march, and the Eagles came away empty-handed when a fourth down pass fell incomplete at the goal line.

Elba appeared ready to add to its lead after regaining possession and drove 61 yards in seven plays to reach a first down at the Providence Christian 22-yardline. Brayden Johnson rushed for 13 yards and connected with Peyton McCart on two pass completions that covered 35 yards to lead the Tigers down the field. However, a pass interception stopped the scoring threat as the lead remained 14-6.

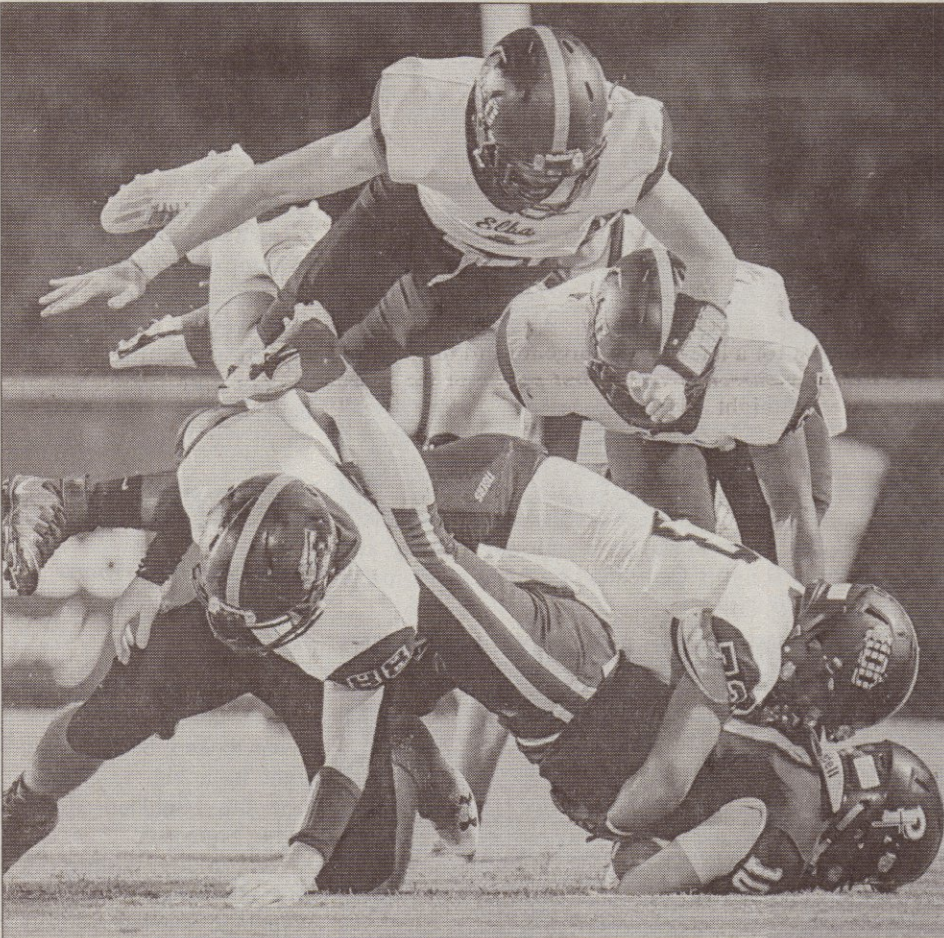
Providence Christian headed back down the field on its ensuing possession and drove 70 yards in six plays to reach a first down at the Elba 14-yardline. Harrison Mims rushed for 25 yards and passed for 29 yards on the long match downfield, but the Eagles were again turned away when a fumble was recovered by Elba's Byron Burks at the Tigers seven-yardline.

Elba failed to cash in an Eagle turnover early in the third quarter, but regained possession at its own 35-yardline after a punt and from there needed three plays to reach paydirt. JT Coleman got the call on all three plays and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 54-yard dash up the middle, and while a low snap foiled the extra-point try, Elba's lead stood at 20-6 with 6:40 remaining in the quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series at its



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (8) is off and running in last week's 27-6 win over Providence Christian. Coleman rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns as the Tigers improved their record to 5-1.



FLYING TO THE FOOTBALL.... The Elba Tiger defense was literally flying to the football in last week's 27-6 win over Providence Christian. In the photo above David Agosto (73) slams an Eagle runner to the ground as Peyton McCart (1) comes sailing over the top to assist.

own 44-yardline after a defensive stop and marched 56 yards in nine plays to pad its lead. JT Coleman rushed for 37 yards on four carries and capped the drive with a 15-yard touchdown scamper to the corner of the endzone. Alex Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 10:32 remaining in the fourth quarter Elba was in command with a 27-6 lead.

The Elba defense stopped yet another Providence Christian scoring threat midway through the quarter with its third fumble recovery of the night, this time at the Tigers 5-yardline, and the Elba offense ate up almost six minutes off the clock on its ensuing possession to wrap up the big 27-6 road win over the Eagles.

JT Coleman rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries to lead the Elba offensive attack, while Byron Burks added 81 yards and one td on three carries, Alvin Henderson added 61 yards on 17 carries, and Brayden Johnson rushed for 14 yards on five carries and completed 5 of 8 passes for 53 yards, with Peyton McCart pulling in four passes for 50 yards.

The Tiger defense was paced by Chrystyle Caldwell with five tackles and a fumble recovery, while Kaden Grogg added five stops, Kimdarius Hill

and Peyton McCart both added four tackles, and Kyle Smith and Byron Burks both had fumble recoveries.

Harrison Mims rushed for 56 yards on 11 carries

and completed 6 of 13 passes for 60 yards to lead the Eagle offense, while Christian Durden added 50 yards rushing on 11 carries and caught four passes for 42 yards.

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SPORTS NEWS

New Brockton rallies to knock off W.S. Neal 30-26

Statistics by Brandon Speedy White
File photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a 26-8 third quarter deficit to claim a wild 30-26 road win over the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles, Friday night in East Brewton.

W.S. Neal scored first in the non-region clash on an interception return by Antonio McCorvey and added a two-point conversion on a run by Dashawn Smith to grab an 8-0 lead with 7:01 remaining in the opening quarter.


New Brockton bounced



New Brockton Gamecock band enjoyed playing the Gamecock fight song in the second half last week in the Gamecocks 30-26 win.



Brantley Bulldog head coach Roland Jones talks with his team after another big win. The top-ranked Bulldogs will host Samson Friday night in a key region matchup.



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right back following the sudden score and drove 76 yards to pull even at 8-8. Drew Cashin rushed for 14 yards on two carries to lead the Gamecocks on the ground, while Brayson Carr connected with Baylon Foster on a 15-yard pass and connected twice with Matthew Smith for 40 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown toss. Carr also passed for the two-point conversion to Jaxon Whitworth as the Gamecocks pulled even at 8-8 with 1:33 still left in the first quarter.

The Blue Eagles JD Stuckey returned a Gamecock interception for a score with 10:30 left

in the second quarter as W.S. Neal regained the lead at 14-8, while New Brockton failed to score after marching to the W.S. Neal 9-yardline late in the quarter as at the half the Blue Eagles went in with a 14-8 advantage.

W.S. Neal added to its lead midway through the third quarter as the Blue Eagles drove 89 yards to reach paydirt. Lakietric Barnes rushed for 33 yards on three carries to spark the long scoring drive, while Dashawn Smith rushed for 18 yards and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge as W.S. Neal upped its lead to 20-8 with 6:02 remaining in the third quarter.

The Blue Eagles extended their lead to 26-8 midway through the stanza when Dashawn Smith picked off a Gamecock pass and returned the interception 87 yards for a touchdown. However, the third 'pick six' of the game only made New Brockton more determined as the Gamecocks staged a furious rally to pull off the remarkable win!

New Brockton cut the Blue Eagles lead to 26-15 with 1:07 remaining in the quarter on a 55-yard touchdown toss from Brayson Carr to Tre Boland and the extra-point by Jacob Payton, and after turning the ball over on downs on their initial series of the fourth quarter, regained possession on a punt and went the length of the field on an 87-yard scoring drive to pump even more life into the comeback hopes.

Brayson Carr hit Matthew Smith on a 19-yard pass completion to help lead the Gamecocks down the field, while the



New Brockton Gamecock head coach Zach Holmes talks with quarterback Brayson Carr (10) during a time out. Carr passed for 337 yards and three touchdowns in last week's wild 30-26 road win over W.S. Neal.

combo of Carr to Boland continued to click as the duo combined on two pass completions for 55 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown toss. Carr connected with Baylon Foster on a two-point pass, and with 6:49 remaining in the fourth quarter the Gamecocks were within 26-23.

New Brockton got the ball right back at the W.S. Neal 33-yardline on a pass interception by Bradley Adkinson, and the Gamecocks took advantage of the short field to complete the comeback! A 25-yard pass from Brayson Carr to Baylon Foster moved the Gamecocks to within

the shadows of the goal post, while the go-ahead touchdown came on an 8-yard run by Drew Cashin. Payton kicked the extra-point as New Brockton grabbed its first lead of the night 30-26 with 5:42 still left in the fourth quarter.

W.S. Neal never threw in the towel and battled until the final horn, but interceptions by New Brockton's Baylon Foster and Tre Boland ended any Blue Eagles hopes as the Gamecocks celebrated the wild 30-26 road win.

Brayson Carr completed 17 of 36 passes for 337 yards and 3 touchdowns to spark New Brockton, with Tre Boland pulling in 9 passes for 220 yards and

two td's, Matthew Smith pulling in three passes for 59 yards and one td, and Baylon Foster pulling in three passes for 50 yards. On the ground, Jamarcus Brown rushed for 63 yards on 13 carries and Drew Cashin rushed for 62 yards and one td on 10 carries.

The Gamecock defense was paced by Jamarcus Brown and Karyus McNabb with 5 stops apiece, while Tre Boland added 4 tackles and an interception; Jordan Tacey added 4 tackles and a tipped pass; Baylon Foster added 4 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass interception; and Bradley Adkinson, Matthew Smith and Drew Cashin all had pass interceptions.

Brantley Bulldogs ground Squadron 42-20

From combined reports
File Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back Friday night in a big 42-20 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 28-0 second quarter advantage, carried a 42-12 lead into the fourth quarter and coasted in with the win over their county rivals.

Tucker Kilcrease passed for 206 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs, with Daquan Pittman and Morell Edwards both pulling in a pair of td tosses. Pittman had two receptions for 99

yards and two scores, while Edwards had two catches for 58 yards and two scores.

Kedrick Brown had seven tackles and recovered a fumble to spark the Bulldog defense, while Kaleb Weed had two and one-half tackles and an interception and Jontae Billips added four and one-half tackles, including two tackles for losses.

Brantley rushed for 144 yards and passed for 206 yards for a total of 350 yards in total offense, while Highland Home rushed for 154 yards and had 38 yards passing for 192 yards in total offense.

Brantley will host Samson on Friday, at David Lowey Stadium.

Region battles return for all area teams in week seven

It is back to the region wars for high school football teams all across the state, and for teams in the area the week brings with it contests against some of the best teams in the region.

Following is a preview of this week's area games:

New Brockton at Slocomb
The New Brockton Gamecocks will take their post-season hopes to Slocomb Friday night for a huge region matchup against the Slocomb Red Tops.

Slocomb leads the all-time series 5-0 and last season rolled to a high-scoring 55-21 win.

The Gamecocks will carry a 4-2 slate into the game with wins over Cottonwood 33-14, Georgiana 40-8, Daleville 45-20 and W.S. Neal 30-26, and losses to Opp 27-0 and Wicksburg 60-18.

The Red Tops will bring a disappointing 2-3 record into the clash, with wins over Northside Methodist 37-0 and Providence Christian 30-0, and losses to Geneva 14-7, Houston



Brantley Bulldogs celebrate in endzone after another Bulldog touchdown. Brantley improved to 4-0 last week with a big 42-20 win over county rival Highland Home.

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SPORTS NEWS

Bulldogs batter Barbour 74-0

Statistics by Dickie Adcock
File photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs gave a large and loud hometown crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they scored early and often in a record-breaking 74-0 win over the Barbour County Jaguars, at Bulldog Stadium.

Kinston scored on its first two offensive series of the game and added a touchdown on defense and special teams to open up a big 26-0 first quarter lead.

Drew Connor scored on an 18-yard run on the

Bulldogs third snap of the quarter to put Kinston on the scoreboard and Konner Walker scored on a 30-yard gallop late in the quarter to account for the two offensive touchdowns, while Blake Senn returned a Jaguar punt 30 yards for a score and Cade Jones blocked a punt and recovered the loose ball in the endzone for the 'Dogs fourth score of the stanza.

Kinston ran only three offensive plays in the second quarter, but scored on all three plays to carry a 47-0 advantage in at the half. The three Bulldog

touchdowns came on runs of 27 yards by Jeb Crosby, 28 yards by CJ Lunsford and 25 yards by Brant McCollough.

Kinston's Reece Hall returned the second half kickoff 55 yards for a Bulldog touchdown and Cade Jones added his second score of the night when he scooped up a Barbour County bobble and rambled 39 yards for a touchdown as the Bulldogs lead grew to 61-0, and the 'Dogs added another touchdown late in the stanza on a 38-yard dash by Colby Tew as Kinston

carried a 68-0 lead into the final stanza.

Kinston's defense added the Bulldogs final touchdown of the game when Brant McCollough recovered a Barbour County fumble and returned the turnover 48 yards for a score.

Nine different Kinston Bulldogs scored touchdowns as the Bulldogs broke the all-time scoring record in a game, while John Free converted on a seven of nine extra-point attempts and Marcus Free converted on one of two extra-point tries.



Kinston Bulldog head coach Rudy Free is vocal on sidelines during recent Bulldog game. The Bulldogs upped their record to 4-2 last week with a 74-0 win over Barbour County.



The Zion Chapel Homecoming Queen and Court were honored Friday night, Sept. 24, prior to the Zion Chapel vs. Samson football game. The queen and court are pictured above with their escorts for the special recognition. The ladies named to this year's Homecoming Court were (from left): Shae Wambles, Freshman Attendant; Emmie Cate Harrelson, Junior Attendant; Aryn Nelson, Senior Attendant; Homecoming Queen Kenzie Jones; Kacy Hussey, Senior Attendant; and Meri Cason Prescott, Sophomore Attendant.

Zion Chapel falls 35-20 to Samson on Homecoming

Statistics by Joey Arnold
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels gave a large Homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about last Friday night, Sept. 24, as the team hosted the Samson Tigers, however, the visiting team played spoiler for the Homecoming festivities—as Samson left with a 35-20 win.

The visiting Tigers were the first to put points on the scoreboard as they collected a safety with 5:14 left in the first quarter.

Samson added to its 2-0 lead on a Garrett White 20-yard pass touchdown. The extra point try was no good, but the Tigers led 8-0 with 2:06 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels cut into Samson's lead early in the second quarter as Mason Stuart found the endzone on a 3-yard run. Zion Chapel attempted a 2-point conversion, but it failed. With 9:10 left in the second quarter, the score was 8-6 in favor of Samson.

Midway through the second quarter, Samson's defense added a touchdown on a pass interception. The extra point attempt was good, and Samson's lead went to 15-6 with 6:06 left in the first half.

The Rebels were determined to score again before the end of the first half, and they did just that 26-yard touchdown pass to Brayden Grantham. After a failed



Zion Chapel's Brayden Watson (#1) is off and running in last week's Homecoming game against Samson. Watson had 44 yards on six pass receptions in the game.

2-point conversion attempt, the score was 15-12 with 2:01 left in the second quarter.

Samson found paydirt once again in the first half when Zavious Peacock pulled in a pass and scampered 34-yard for the touchdown. A 2-point conversion was good, making the score 23-12 with 1:21 left in the first half.

The Zion Chapel fans enjoyed an exciting end to the first half when Brayden Grantham pulled in an 18-yard touchdown pass with only 44 seconds left on the clock. The Rebels converted on the two-point conversion to pull within

three points at 23-20.

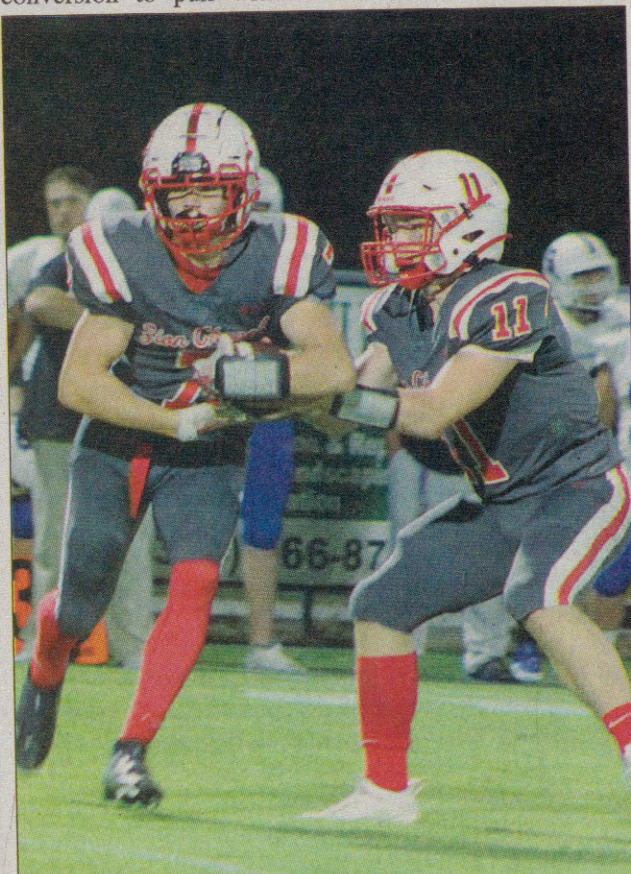
Samson wasn't through scoring in the first half either as the Tigers put one more touchdown on the board as the clock was expiring. This score came from an 11-yard run by Braxton Brooks. Zion Chapel's Paden Boothe blocked the extra point attempt, and the halftime score was 29-20 in favor of Samson.

Only Samson managed to cross the goal line in the second half of the game when Garrett White got his second score in the game off a 19-yard touchdown pass at the 9:13 mark in the third quarter. The two-point try failed.

The fourth quarter was a defensive battle as neither team managed to add points. The final score was 35-20, moving Zion Chapel to 0-5 on the season.

The Rebels were led by Brayden Grantham in the game with five pass receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Also, Brayden Watson added six catches for 44 yards, and Zay Adair had three pass receptions for 50 yards on the night.

Next up for the Rebels will be a region clash with the G W Long Rebels. This game is set for Thursday night, Sept. 30, at Green Memorial Stadium on the ZC campus. Kickoff will be 7 p.m.



Zion Chapel's Morgan Sanders (#7) takes the ball from quarterback Mason Stuart (#11) in a designed run play last week during the Homecoming game against Samson. The Rebels will host G W Long this Thursday night, Sept. 30, in a key region game.



Kinston Bulldog ball boys watch from sidelines as the Bulldogs roll to a big win.

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AREA PREVIEW

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G.W. Long at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking for their first win of the season and looking to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the season in the 2A ranks Thursday night, Sept. 30, when they host the G.W. Long Rebels, at Green Memorial Stadium.

G.W. Long leads the all-time series 27-10, and won last year's meeting 56-0.

The Rebels from Coffee County will carry an 0-5 record into the region clash with losses to Kinston 20-12, Abbeville 48-18, Elba 48-12, Houston County 28-18 and Samson 35-20.

The Rebels from Dale County will bring a 3-1 slate into the game with wins over Elba 35-16, Houston County 45-16 and Daleville

54-8, and a lone loss to Arton 27-21.

Samson at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will be back at home Friday night for a key region matchup with the Samson Tigers.

Brantley hold a slim 7-6 edge in the series and last season posted a big 50-0 victory.

The Bulldogs will bring a 4-0 record into the clash with wins over Kinston 34-0, McKenzie 1-0 (forfeit), Pleasant Home 53-0 and Highland Home 42-20.

The Tigers will enter the game with a 5-1 record, with wins over Marengo 12-6, Florala 30-20, Pleasant Home 18-0, McKenzie 36-28 and Zion Chapel 35-20, and a lone loss to Cottonwood 28-14.

LIFESTYLES

Jack Day Festival set to include Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 2nd

The 3rd Annual Jack Day Car Show, held in conjunction with the Jack Day Community Festival, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is a \$25 car entry fee to participate. Awards

will be given to the Top 25, and there will be door prizes.

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are working to find solutions," Bane said.

In the meantime, she said a dumpster had been placed behind the recycle center for anyone who would like to put their trash in it rather than putting it by the road-way.

Bane also updated council members on the sewer project. She said it was still slated to be completed no later than February 2022; however, city officials met with USDA officials earlier this week to close the temporary loan and make the permanent bond through USDA.

"By closing the paperwork this quarter, we were able to lock in a fixed inter-

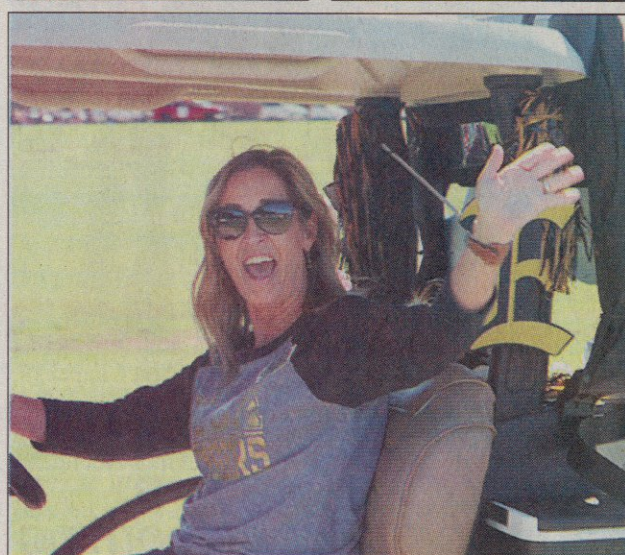
est rate of 1.375 percent instead of the 2.375 percent that was originally agreed upon," Bane said. "This, over the course of 40 years, will save the city of \$600,000."

Council members approved a resolution awarding the bid for demolition of the old Elba Chamber of Commerce building [at 329 Putnam Street] to McClain Contracting in the amount of \$19,240. The resolution also gave the mayor authority to execute any necessary paperwork on the matter.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council is set for Monday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

"Spirit Parade" held Friday, Sept. 24, on Elba City Schools campus

Elba City Schools hosted a "Spirit Parade" last Friday afternoon, Sept. 24, on the schools campus. This was held in lieu of the Homecoming Parade that had to be cancelled the week prior due to weather concerns. Included here are several scenes from the spirit parade...



During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Sept. 27, Commission Chairman Dean Smith (right) presented a resolution to David Hanks (left), representing the Wiregrass Area Food Bank. The document recognized the month of September as Hunger Action Month and thanked the Wiregrass Area Food Bank for the job it does in making sure food is provided to those in need.

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tions had dropped drastically going down from about 2,800 to 1,558. Also, he said really good news was that in the local region there is currently not a shortage for ICU beds.

Brown said vaccinations continue to go up too. As of Monday morning, he said 38.79 percent of the county's eligible population had gotten at least the first vaccine dose while 31.5 percent had completed the vaccination series.

While the majority of the COVID news was positive, Brown did have a bit of bad news to share as well. He said there had been a mass increase in deaths related to COVID over the past few months.

"We've recorded 26 additional deaths in Coffee

County in the last two weeks," Brown said.

He added that about 25 percent of the COVID-related deaths over the past 18 months had occurred within the last two months.

Brown warned that while numbers mostly were looking better that the crisis is still not over, and he said citizens should still do the things necessary to help prevent the spread of COVID.

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